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Linnen et al.) Examiner: To be assigned
Serial No.: 10/688,489) Atty. Docket No.: GP140-04.UT
Filed: October 16, 2003)
For: Compositions and Methods for)
Detecting West Nile Virus)

STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that a status check be conducted on the above-captioned application. The subject application was filed on October 16, 2003, but a Filing Receipt and anticipated Notice of Missing Parts have not been received to date.

Attached are copies of the Express Mail Mailing Label No. EU63868314US, dated October 16, 2003, the U.S. Post Office Sales Receipt dated October 16, 2003, and both sides of the return receipt postcard received October 31, 2003 with a Serial Number of 10/688,489 and filing date of October 16, 2003 indicated thereon, evidencing filing of the application.

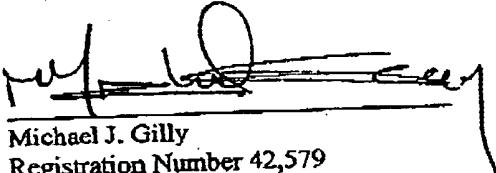
Notably, it appears that the above-captioned application (S/N 10/688,489) is not associated in the electronic PAIR system with customer number 21365. This customer number is assigned to Gen-Probe Incorporated, and was entered under the "Correspondence Address" section of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05) that was filed with this application.

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Please advise the status of this application, by written reply to the undersigned agent of record.

Respectfully Submitted,


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